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## DISASTER RELIEF PERMIT WAIVER AND ROUTING

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In accordance with the Director's Administrative Order No. 2005-06, effective 27 September 2005, and until further notice, the Arkansas Highway Police Permit Section will issue route specific oversize and/or overweight permits at no charge to vehicles or to vehicles transporting a unit of equipment to be used for emergency relief or humanitarian aid to those areas in Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas that have been declared disaster areas by federal or state proclamation due to Hurricane Katrina and/or Hurricane Rita. Applicable permit fees will be waived for these vehicles. The vehicles must be in compliance with all Arkansas Permit Regulations and laws. Nothing in this document shall be construed or interpreted as being applicable to travel on non-state maintained highways. The provisions contained in this document shall not apply to the movement of oversize and/or overweight vehicles that are en route to the disasters areas for commercial ventures, as determined by the Arkansas Highway Police Permits Section.

### **"ENVELOPE VEHICLES"**

In addition, effective 27 September 2005, and until further notice, a truck-tractor and one semitrailer combination transporting emergency or humanitarian relief equipment or supplies to federal and state declared disaster areas in the state of Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas that have axle configurations, axle weights, axle groups weights, gross vehicle weight and dimensions not exceeding those provided in Chart A below may travel the designated highways as listed in Chart B below without paying a fee or obtaining an oversize/overweight permit. Qualifying vehicles shall be referred to as **"Envelope Vehicles."** The travel may be conducted in a continuous manner on a seven-day week basis. Vehicles and/or loads must have appropriate signs, markings, lights, and flags as required in Arkansas Permit Regulations. An **"Envelope Vehicle"** may transport either a non-divisible load or a divisible load.

**TABLE A.**

Minimum number of axles:	Five (5)
Steering Axle weight cannot exceed	20,000 pounds
Single Axle weight cannot exceed	20,000 pounds
A Tandem Axle Group cannot exceed	40,000 pounds
A Triaxle Group cannot exceed	50,000 pounds
Gross Vehicle Weight cannot exceed	95,000 pounds
Minimum outer distance between the Centers of two consecutive tandem axles	Thirty-six feet (36')
Maximum overall width cannot exceed	Twelve feet (12')
Maximum overall height cannot exceed	Fourteen feet (14')
Maximum overall length cannot exceed	Ninety feet (90')

A truck-tractor and one semitrailer combination that meets the mandated qualifications for an ***“Envelope Vehicle”*** may travel during a twenty-four-hour/seven-day basis without a permit only on the highways in the designated routes set out in Table B. ***“Envelope Vehicles”*** exceeding either the legal width of eight feet six inches (8' 6") or height of thirteen feet six inches (13' 6") or the legal length of a semitrailer of fifty-three feet six inches (53' 6") shall have a plainly legible sign reading **“OVERSIZE LOAD”** displayed across the front and rear of the loaded vehicle. The signs shall be constructed of a durable material with a yellow background and black letters of sufficient size to be legible to all traffic within a safe distance. The rear corners of the load shall have eighteen-inch (18") red flags on the rear corners of the load in the daytime, and red lights on the rear corners of the load at all other hours of travel.

The designation of routes for a vehicle meeting the definition of an ***“Envelope Vehicle”*** is not an assurance that bridges and structures are capable of carrying the vehicle and load, nor shall it guarantee the clearance of permanent or temporary overhead structures, utility lines or other material will accommodate the height of the vehicle. The owner(s) and operator(s) of such vehicle(s) assume full responsibility for any and all damages to roads, bridges, structures, persons and private or public property resulting from travel.

**TABLE B.**

**Legend**

I = Interstate Highway      US = U. S. Highway    SH = State Highway

n = north                      e = east                      s = south                      w = west

A number indicates the number of the interstate or other highway.

**For “Envelope Vehicles” entering Arkansas from Tennessee en route to Louisiana:**

***ROUTE 1:*** I-40w [into Arkansas at West Memphis] to I-30w (at Little Rock) to I-530s to US-65s [at Pine Bluff] into Louisiana.

***ROUTE 2:*** I-55n [into Arkansas at West Memphis], then follow ***Route 1.***

***ROUTE 3:*** Enter either on I-40w or I-55n to I-40w to I-30w to I-530s to US 425s into Louisiana.

***ROUTE 4:*** Enter either on I-40w or I-55n to I-40w to I-30w to I-530s to US-79s to US-167s to Louisiana.

***ROUTE 5:*** Enter either on I-40w or I-55n to I-40w to I-30 to US-245s to US-71s to Louisiana.

***ROUTE 6:*** Enter either on I-40w or I-55n to I-40w to US-49s to SH-1s to US-165s into Louisiana.

***ROUTE 7:*** Enter either on I-40w or I-55n to I-40w to US-49s to SH-1 to US-165s to US-65s into Louisiana.

***ROUTE 8:*** Enter either on I-40w or I-55n to I-40w to US-49s to SH-1s to US-165s to US-82w to US-425s into Louisiana.

**For “Envelope Vehicles” entering Arkansas from Missouri en route to Louisiana:**

***ROUTE 9:*** Enter on I-55s into Tennessee on either I-55s or I-40e.

***ROUTE 10:*** Enter on I-55s to I-40w, and then follow your choice of ***ROUTES 1 through 8.***

**For “Envelope Vehicles” entering Arkansas from Texas en route to Louisiana:**

***ROUTE 11:*** Enter [at Texarkana] on I-30e to US-245S to US-82e to US-79s into Louisiana.

***ROUTE 12:*** Enter on I-30e to US-245s to US-82e [to El Dorado] to US-167s into Louisiana.

***ROUTE 13:*** Enter on I-30e to US-245s to US-82e to US-425s into Louisiana.

***ROUTE 14:*** Enter on I-30e to US-245s to US-82e to US-165s into Louisiana.

***ROUTE 15:*** Enter on I-30e to US-245s to US-82e to US-65s into Louisiana.

**For “Envelope Vehicles” entering Arkansas from Oklahoma en route to Louisiana:**

***ROUTE 16:*** I-40e to Exit 81-to SH-7s to US-64e to SH-331n to I-40e to I-430s to  
I-30e to I-530s to US-65s or US-165s into Louisiana

***ROUTE 17:*** I-40e to Exit 81-to SH-7s to US-64e to SH-331n to I-40e to I-430s to  
I-30e to I-530s to US-65s to US-425s into Louisiana

***ROUTE 18:*** I-40e to Exit 81-to SH-7s to US-64e to Hwy 331n to I-40e to I-430s to  
I-30e to I-530s to US-79s to US-167s into Louisiana

***ROUTE 19:*** I-40e to Exit 81-to SH-7s to US-64e to SH-331n to I-40e to I-430s to  
I-30w to Exit 2 to SH-245s to US-71s into Louisiana

***ROUTE 20:*** I-40e to Exit 81-to SH-7s to US-64e to SH-331n to I-40e to I-430s to  
I-30e to I-530/US-65s to US-79s to US-167s to US-82W to US-79s into  
Louisiana.

**ROUTE 21:** I-40e to Exit 81-to SH-7s to US-64e to SH-331n to I-40e to I-430s to I-30e to I-530/US-65s to US-79s to US-167s to US-82W to US-371s into Louisiana.

**For “Envelope Vehicles” entering Arkansas from Oklahoma en route to Tennessee:**

**ROUTE 22:** I-40e to Exit 81-to SH-7s to US-64e to SH-331n to I-40e to I-430s to I-30e to I-40e to I-55s into Tennessee

**ROUTE 23:** I-40e to Exit 81-to SH-7s to US-64e to SH-331n to I-40e to I-430s to I-30e to I-40e into Tennessee

**ROUTE 24:** US 412e to I-540s to I-40e to Exit 81-to SH-7s to US-64e to SH-331n to I-40e to I-430s to I-30e to I-40e to I-55s into Tennessee

**For “Envelope Vehicles” entering Arkansas from Texas en route to Tennessee:**

**ROUTE 25:** Enter [at Texarkana] on I-30e to I-40e to I-55s into Tennessee

**ROUTE 26:** Enter [at Texarkana] on I-30e to I-40e into Tennessee

**For “Envelope Vehicles” entering Arkansas from Louisiana en route to Texas:**

**ROUTE 27:** Enter on US-71n to US-245n to I-30w in Texas.

**ROUTE 28:** Enter on US-71n to SH-549n to US-245s into Texas (Loop151).

**ROUTE 29:** Enter from any of the following highways [ US-65n, US-165n, US-425n, US-167n, US-79n, US-371n ] to US-82w to US-245n to I-30w into Texas.

**ROUTE 30:** Enter from any of the following highways [ US-65n, US-165n, US-425n, US-167n, US-79n, US-371n ] to US-82w to US-245s into Texas.

**For “Envelope Vehicles” entering Arkansas from Tennessee en route to Texas:**

***ROUTE 31:*** Enter either on I-55n or I-40w to Exit 278 to SH-191s to US-70w to SH-147n to I-40w to I-30w into Texas.

***ROUTE 32:*** Enter either on I-55n or I-40w to Exit 278 to SH-191s to US-70w to SH-147n to I-40w to I-30w to Exit 2 to US-245s into Texas.

**For "Envelope Vehicles" entering Arkansas from Mississippi en route to Texas:**

***ROUTE 33:*** Enter on US-82w to US-65n to US-82w to US-245n to I-30w into Texas.

***ROUTE 34:*** Enter on US-82w to US-65n to US-82w to US-245s into Texas.

**For "Envelope Vehicles" entering Arkansas from Missouri en route to Texas:**

***ROUTE 35:*** Enter on I-55s to Exit 10 to US-64w to SH-118s to US-70w to SH-147n to I-40w to I-30w into Texas.

***ROUTE 36:*** Enter on I-55s to Exit 10 to US-64w to SH-118s to US-70w to SH-147n to I-40w to I-30w to Exit 2 to US-245s into Texas.

***ROUTE 37:*** Enter on US-412w to US-49s to US-63n to US-49s to I-40w to I-30w into Texas.

***ROUTE 38:*** Enter on US-412w to US-49s to US-63n to US-49s to I-40w to I-30w to Exit 2 to US-245s into Texas

***ROUTE 39:*** Enter on US-71s to I-540s to I-40e to Exit 81 to SH-7s to US-64e to SH-331n to I-40e to I-430s to I-30w into Texas.

***ROUTE 40:*** Enter on US-71s to I-540s to I-40e to Exit 81 to SH-7s to US-64e to SH-331n to I-40e to I-430s to I-30w to Exit 2 to US-245s into Texas.